

REMARKS

Entry of this Amendment and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments made to the claims and the remarks made herein.

Claims 1-24 are pending and stand rejected. Claims 1, 13 and 19 have been amended.

Claims 1-24 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tsukidate (USP no. 6,714,722) in view of Geer (USP no. 6,788,882).

Applicant respectfully disagrees with, and explicitly traverses, the reason for rejecting the claims. However, in the interest of advancing the prosecution of this matter, independent claims 1, 13 and 19 have been amended to more clearly state the invention. More specifically, the independent claims have been amended to recite that the "at least one Internet document [is] not related to said television programs." No new matter has been added. Support for the amendment is found in Figure 1 and at least on page 11, lines 12-15, which state, "Figure 1 is a block diagram of system 100 ... In system 100, a viewer accesses Internet 110 from personal computer 120" and on page 15, lines 5-10, which state, "Figure 1 shows search capable video recorder 130 coupled to television program guide 140. Search capable video recorder 130 uses the list of search keywords to conduct a search for matching words within ... television program guide 140."

A claimed invention is prima facie obvious when three basic criteria are met. First, there must be some suggestion or motivation, either in the reference themselves or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art, to modify the reference or to combine the teachings therein. Second, there must be a reasonable expectation of success. And, third, the prior art reference or combined references must teach or suggest all the claim limitations.

Tsukidate discloses a digital multimedia recorder that uses the EPG (enhance program guide), which includes information associated with television programs to be displayed. In accordance with the teachings of Tsukidate, a broadcasting party includes information regarding television programs that is used to determine the type of program information provided to the user (see col. 6, lines 26- 34, which state, in part, "[a] broadcasting party is also permitted to include a recommended program list associated

with a logical channel or program in a table ... the recommended program list comprises a list title, a valid period of the list and at least one record comprising the channel ID and the broadcast time."

Hence, Tsukidate uses information related to television programs provided by the broadcasting party to be presented to the user. Accordingly, Tsukidate fails to disclose or suggest using information not related to television programs as is recited in the claims.

Geer teaches a digital video recorder that uses a mass storage device to contain information and obtains information from televisions channel guides to obtain information stored in mass storage device (see col. 10, lines 44-50, which state "[t]here are already a number of television guides that are sent over the same medium as the channels ... These guides contain program information [and] can be browsed to find programs of choice or for keywords to find." Hence, Geer provides no motivation or suggestion to use key objects not related to the television programs to search for television programs matching selected key objects, as is recited in the claims.

Accordingly, the combination of Tsukidate and Geer does not render obvious the invention recited in claim 1, as the combined device fails to disclose all the elements claimed.

Having shown that the combination of Tsukidate and Geer fails to disclose all the elements claimed, applicant submits that the reason for the rejection of claim 1 has been overcome and the rejection can no longer be sustained. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of the claims.

With regard to claims 13 and 19, these claims recite subject matter similar to that recited in claim 1 and were rejected citing the same references used in rejecting claim 1. Thus, the remarks made in response to the rejection of claim 1 are also applicable in response to the rejection of claims 13 and 19. Applicant submits that in view of the amendment made to claims 13 and 19, which is similar to that made to claim 1, and for the remarks made with regard to the rejection of claim 1, which are reasserted, as if in full, in response to the rejection of claims 13 and 19, the reason for the rejection of claims 13 and 19 has been overcome and the rejection can no longer be sustained. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of the claims.


With regard to the remaining claims, these claims ultimately depend from independent claims 1, 13 and 19, which have been shown not to be obvious, and, hence, allowable, over the cited references. Accordingly, these dependent claims are also allowable by virtue of their dependence from an allowable base claim.

For all the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all the present claims are patentable in view of the cited references. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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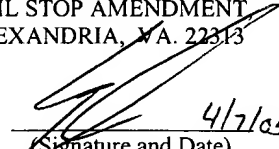

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